have agreed to negotiations aimed at substantial improvement in market access; reduction of, with a view to phasing out all forms of export subsidies and substantial reduction in trade-distorting domestic support. There has been no major change in the composition of import and export basket of the country.

(d) The Government is providing subsidies for agriculture products including subsidies for research, pest and disease control, marketing and promotion services, infrastructure services. Assistance to farmers is also being provided through various programmes undertaken by the Government.

Export of horticulture products

†2375. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to encourage the export of horticulture products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to encourage the production and export of horticulture products, State-wise and the names of these products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) For encouraging export of horticultural products, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) under the Ministry of Commerce is providing financial assistance to individuals/exporters for various activities like setting up Infrastructure Facilities, Packaging Development, Human Resource Development, Export Promotion, Market Development and Quality Control. Besides, APEDA with the involvement of the State Government have initiated several programmes under Agri Export Zones (AEZ) for giving focused attention on area based programme for export promotion of programme for export promotion of horticultural products.

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(c) Under the AEZ programme, a cluster approach has been adopted by addressing all aspects of development such as:

- Produce Identification
- Selection of Location
- Strengthening of Infrastructure and Logistics
- Strengthening of Processing
- Infrastructure
- Market Development & Promotion

The State-wise list of AEZ approved by APEDA for different products is given in the Statement.

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State-wise List of Agri Export Zones approved by APEDA for Horticulture Products

S.No.	State	Product
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Mango (two AEZs), Mango Pulp, Grapes and Fresh Vegetables
2.	Bihar	Lychee
3.	Gujarat	Mango & Vegetables
4.	Himachal Pradesh	Apples
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	Apples, Walnuts
6.	Karnataka	Gherkins, Rose Onion, Flowers
7.	Madhya Pradesh	Potatoes, Onion and Garlic
8.	Maharashtra	Grapes, Grape Wine, Mango, Kesar Mango and flowers
9.	Punjab	Vegetables, Potatoes
10.	Sikkim	Flowers (Orchids), Cherry Pepper and Ginger
11.	Tamil Nadu	Flowers (two AEZs)

S.No.	State	Product
12.	Tripura	Pineapple
13.	Uttar Pradesh	Potatoes, Mangoes (two AEZs)
14.	Uttaranchal	Lychee, Flowers
15.	West Bengal	Pineapple, Potatoes, Lychee

Import of cattle

†2376. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that symptoms of foreign dreadful diseases known as BBD and MCF had been found in the bulls and pregnant cows imported from Australia;

(b) if so, whether the cattle afflicted with such diseases were imported in the country earlier also;

(c) whether there are rules for conducting tests of cattle, before their import in the country;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for import of such cattle suffering from diseases; and

(e) what steps are being taken by Government for its prevention?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Some of the cattle imported from Australia have been found to be positive for Bovine Viral Diarrhoea and Malignant Catarrhal Fever on laboratory testing.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Government of India specified the veterinary/health requirements including testing of the cattle before import. However, the Australian authorities exported the cattle selected from a herd that were positive for Bovine Viral Diarrhoea, Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis and Johne's Disease which were kept in contact with other animals during pre-export quarantine. These facts were not reported in the health certificate

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